AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)

Claims 19 (Currently Amended) A security system comprising:

a first electronic apparatus; and

a second electronic apparatus connected to the first electronic apparatus via an apparatus control line,

wherein the second electronic apparatus comprises a second storage device for previously storing a password,

wherein the first electronic apparatus comprises:

a first storage device for previously storing the password;

a control device for (i) requesting the second electronic apparatus to transmit the password stored in the second storage device at an activation of the first electronic apparatus, (ii) receiving the password stored in the second storage device from the second electronic apparatus, (iii) comparing the password received from the second electronic apparatus with the password stored in the first storage device, and (iv), when the password received from the second electronic apparatus coincides with the password stored in the first storage device, executing a security function so as to start an operation of the first electronic apparatus;

a display device for displaying a message to a user; and

an input device for inputting the password,

wherein, when the password received from the second electronic apparatus does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device[[,]]: first the control device displays, on the display device, a request for the user to input ~~the~~ a password via the input device[[,]];

second the user inputs the requested password; and third~~wherein~~ the control device compares the password inputted by the user via the input device with the password stored in the first storage device~~, and~~, such that~~wherein~~, when the password inputted by the user coincides with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device starts the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 20 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 19, wherein, when the password received from the second electronic apparatus does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device executes the security function so as to stop the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 21 (Cancelled)

Claims 22 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 19, wherein, when the password inputted by the user does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device stops the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 23 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the control device compares the password inputted by the user a predetermined number of times of more than two with the password stored in the first storage device, and, when the password inputted by the user does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device stops the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 24 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 19,

wherein the first electronic apparatus further comprises a third storage device for previously storing a special password other than the password stored in the first storage device,

wherein the control device compares the password inputted by the user with the special password stored in the third storage device, and

wherein, when the password inputted by the user coincides with the special password stored in the third storage device, the control device starts the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 25 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 19,

wherein the first electronic apparatus further comprises:

a first detecting device for detecting whether or not the second electronic apparatus is connected to the first electronic apparatus via the apparatus control line; and

a second detecting device for, when the first detecting device detects that the second electronic apparatus is connected to the first electronic apparatus, detecting whether or not the second electronic apparatus has the security function using a control signal of the apparatus control line, and

wherein the control device executes the detecting performed by the first detecting device and the detecting performed by the second detecting device during the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 26 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 25, wherein, when the first detecting device detects that the second electronic apparatus is not connected to the first

electronic apparatus, the control device stops processing of the security function, and starts an ordinary operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 27 (Previously Presented) The security system as claimed in Claim 26, wherein, when the second detecting device detects that the second electronic apparatus does not have the security function, the control device stops the processing of the security function, and starts the ordinary operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 28 (Currently Amended) A first electronic apparatus of a security system used by a plurality of electronic apparatuses including the first electronic apparatus and a second electronic apparatus connected to the first electronic apparatus via an apparatus control line,

wherein the second electronic apparatus includes a second storage device for previously storing a password,

wherein the first electronic apparatus comprises:

a first storage device for previously storing the password;

a control device for (i) requesting the second electronic apparatus to transmit the password stored in the second storage device, (ii) when the first electronic apparatus is activated or started up, receiving the password stored in the second storage device from the second electronic apparatus, (iii) comparing the password received from the second electronic apparatus with the password stored in the first storage device, and (iv), when the password received from the second electronic apparatus coincides with the password stored in the first storage device, executing a security function so as to start an operation of the first electronic apparatus;

a display device for displaying a message to a user; and

an input device for inputting the password,

wherein, when the password received from the second electronic apparatus does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device[[,]]: first the control device displays, on the display device, a request for the user to input ~~the~~ a password via the input device[[,]]; second the user inputs the requested password; and third ~~wherein~~ the control device compares the password inputted by the user via the input device with the password stored in the first storage device~~, and~~, such that ~~wherein~~, when the password inputted by the user coincides with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device starts the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 28, wherein, when the password received from the second electronic apparatus does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device executes the security function so as to stop the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claims 30 (Cancelled)

Claim 31 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 28, wherein, when the password inputted by the user does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device stops the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the control device compares the password inputted by the user a predetermined number

of times of more than two with the password stored in the first storage device, and, when the password inputted by the user does not coincide with the password stored in the first storage device, the control device stops the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 28,

wherein the first electronic apparatus further comprises a third storage device for previously storing a special password other than the password stored in the first storage device,

wherein the control device compares the password inputted by the user with the special password stored in the third storage device, and

wherein, when the password inputted by the user coincides with the special password stored in the third storage device, the control device starts the operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 28,

wherein the first electronic apparatus further comprises:

a first detecting device for detecting whether or not the second electronic apparatus is connected to the first electronic apparatus via the apparatus control line; and

a second detecting device for, when the first detecting device detects that the second electronic apparatus is connected to the first electronic apparatus, detecting whether or not the second electronic apparatus has the security function using a control signal of the apparatus control line, and

wherein the control device executes the detecting performed by the first detecting device and the detecting performed by the second detecting device during the activation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 34, wherein, when the first detecting device detects that the second electronic apparatus is not connected to the first electronic apparatus, the control device stops processing of the security function, and starts an ordinary operation of the first electronic apparatus.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The first electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 35, wherein, when the second detecting device detects that the second electronic apparatus does not have the security function, the control device stops the processing of the security function, and starts the ordinary operation of the first electronic apparatus.